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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :

Administrative Action

ELLEN L. TIMMRECK, R.N.

LICENSE # NO 07753600

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

OF LICENSE

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information that respondent, on or about March 24, 2012, while employed as a nurse at UMDNJ-University Correctional Health Care and in charge of the infirmary, had a patient/inmate under her care who was very ill and in need of medical intervention. Respondent admitted that she contacted the physician, who did not order any change of treatment, but deliberately omitted to document the call because the physician had requested that she omit documentation

of their interaction. On the following day, the patient had an episode of acute abdominal bleeding and expired.

The Board finds that respondent's deliberate omission of documentation of her contact with the physician constitutes professional misconduct within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e). Moreover, the Board finds that under the circumstances respondent knew or should have known under the circumstances that the patient was in need of medical intervention, and the failure to go beyond the instructions of the physician (who specifically asked her not to document those restrictions) constitutes gross negligence within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c).

The Board finding that there is good cause for the entry of this order, as respondent has in effect retired from the practice of nursing for the present, and finding that the within order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, in lieu of further proceedings and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this 6^{m} day of October , 2014 HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Respondent shall voluntarily surrender her nursing licensee, and her wallet-sized biennial renewal license, with

such surrender to be deemed a suspension effective upon the filing of this order. There shall be no reinstatement of respondent's nursing license unless and until respondent has provided the Board with documentation of completion of a nursing refresher course with a clinical component, pre-approved by the Board and a nursing ethics course pre-approved by the Board. These courses shall not be used to satisfy ordinary continuing education requirements pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3.

2. Respondent shall refrain from the practice of nursing in the State of New Jersey unless or until her nursing license has been reinstated by the Board.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Ву:

Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN, C

Board President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms.

Ellen L. Timmreck, R.N.